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1. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE CONCERNING JACK ANDERSON COLUMNS
ON HAITI (REFTELS) OCCURED DURING DEPARTMENT'S AUGUST 6
PRESS BRIEFING:

QUOTE

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Q: HAVE YOU ANY COMMENT ON THE ANDERSON COLUMN OF
AUGUST 4TH?

A: WHAT DID THE ANDERSON COLUMN OF AUGUST 4TH SAY?

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MISSION TO
PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI, LIVE IN WALLED VILLAS EQUIPPED WITH
SWIMMING POOLS AND STAFFED BY SERVANTS?

A: I AM TOLD THAT THE QUARTERS FOR THE AID MISSION IN
PORT-AU-PRINCE ARE COMPARABLE TO THE QUARTERS OF OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN MISSION THERE--AND, INDEED, OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE. I

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THINK IT REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT OUR HIGHER OFFICIALS

IN PORT-AU-PRINCE HIRE SERVANTS TO WORK IN THEIR HOUSES--AS

THE PRACTICE IN, I WOULD SAY, VIRTUALLY ALL THE FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS AROUND THE WORLD. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THAT.

Q: SWIMMING POOLS--DO THEY HAVE SWIMMING POOLS?

A: I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE ANY SWIMMING POOLS IN THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES THERE. I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THERE WERE A SWIMMING POOL OR TWO IN THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN PORT-AU-PRINCE, WHICH IS IN A TROPICAL BELT.

Q: IS PORT-AU-PRINCE A HARDSHIP POST?

A: I BELIEVE IT IS EITHER A 10 OR 15 PERCENT HARDSHIP POST. I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK THE PRECISE PERCENTAGE. YES.

Q: WHO PAYS FOR THE SERVANTS, IF THEY HAVE THEM?

A: THAT DEPENDS ON THE RANK OF THE INDIVIDUAL. IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS REPRESENTATION DUTIES, SUCH AS THE AMBASSADOR OR THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, THEN UNDER NORMAL FOREIGN SERVICE PRACTICE THE GOVERNMENT PAYS A PERCENTAGE OR PART UP TO A CERTAIN LEVEL OF THE WAGES OF THE EMPLOYEES. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THAT RESPECT WITH REGARD TO THE PORT-AU-PRINCE MISSION. THOSE ARE UNIFORM FOREIGN SERVICE REGULATIONS WHICH OBTAIN IN EVERY POST IN THE WORLD. END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING FURTHER RESPONSE TO FOURTH QUESTION WAS POSTED FOR THE PRESS:

QUOTE

Q: IS HAITI RATED A HARDSHIP POST?

A: YES, IN THE SENSE THAT HAITI IS AFFORDED A DIFFERENTIAL. LET ME READ FROM SECTION 513 OF THE STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT CIVILIANS IN FOREIGN AREAS, WHICH GIVES THE BASIS FOR POST DIFFERENTIALS. SECTION 513.1 STATES: "A POST DIFFERENTIAL IS ESTABLISHED FOR ANY PLACE WHEN, AND ONLY WHEN, THE PLACE INVOLVES EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT LIVING CONDITIONS, EXCESSIVE PHYSICAL HARDSHIP, OR NOTABLY UNHEALTHFUL CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE MAJORITY OF EMPLOYEES OFFICIALLY STATIONED OR DETAILED AT THAT PLACE. LIVING COSTS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT CONSIDERED IN DIFFERENTIAL DETERMINATION." IN THE CASE OF HAITI, THE "NOTABLY UNHEALTHFUL CONDITIONS" APPLIES. THE FACTORS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION ARE HIGH PREVALENCE OF DISEASE, INADEQUATE SANITATION AND INADEQUATE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL FACILITIES. END QUOTE. HABIB

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